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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION MEETING -
TEXT OF RESOLUTION

REF: LONDON 7973

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION ON JUNE 25. THE
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RESOLUTION IS AN OPERATIVE ONE -- NOT JUST A STATEMENT

OF PRINCIPLES -- IN THAT IT DIRECTS, IN ITS THIRD PARAGRAPH, THAT CHANGES BE MADE IN THE RULES THAT ACTUALLY GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF WHALING OPERATIONS. THE RESOLUTION WAS BASED ON AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR A 10-YEAR MORATORIUM (SEE REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PREAMBLE

THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
NOTING THAT WHALE STOCKS ARE A COMMON CONCERN
TO MANKIND

CONCERNED THAT SOME SPECIES OF GREAT WHALES ARE
AT PRESENT CONSIDERABLY DEPLETED BELOW
THEIR OPTIMUM POPULATION LEVELS

RECALLING THAT THE HISTORIC DECLINE IN WHALE
POPULATION OCCURRED NOT ONLY BECAUSE
OF EXCESSIVE EXPLOITATION, BUT ALSO
BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE WAS INADEQUATE TO
PROTECT THE SPECIES

MOTIVATED BY THE NEED TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE
WHALE STOCKS AS A RESOURCE NOW AND FOR
THE FUTURE WHEN FOOD NEEDS OF THE
WORLD WILL BE GREATER BECAUSE OF INCREAS-
ED HUMAN POPULATION AND BY THE NEED TO
MAINTAIN MARINE ECOSYSTEMS IN A WELL-
BALANCED CONDITION CAPABLE OF HIGH
PRODUCTIVITY.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE LONG RANGE INTERESTS
OF THE CONSUMERS OF WHALE PRODUCTS AND
OF THE WHALING INDUSTRY AS CITED IN
ARTICLE V.2 OF THE CONVENTION;

AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF WHALE
STOCKS SHOULD BE BASED NOT ONLY ON THE
CONCEPTS OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD IN
NUMBERS BY SPECIES, BUT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS TOTAL WEIGHT OF
WHALES AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SPECIES
IN THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM.

DECIDES THAT

1. IT SHALL CLASSIFY ALL STOCKS OF WHALES INTO ONE OF
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THREE CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO THE ADVICE OF THE
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

(A) INITIAL MANAGEMENT STOCKS WHICH MAY BE REDUCED IN
A CONTROLLED MANNER TO ACHIEVE MSY LEVELS AND THEN
OPTIMUM LEVELS AS THESE ARE DETERMINED.

(B) SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT STOCKS WHICH SHOULD BE MAIN-
TAINED AT OR NEAR MSY LEVELS AND THEN AT OPTIMUM LEVELS
AS THESE ARE DETERMINED.

(C) PROTECTION STOCKS, WHICH ARE BELOW THE LEVEL OF
"SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT STOCKS" AS DESCRIBED IN (B),
WHICH SHOULD BE FULLY PROTECTED.
THE COMMITTEE SHOULD DEFINE STOCKS FOR THIS PURPOSE,
AS THE UNITS WHICH CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY MANAGED
INDIVIDUALLY.

2.

(A) COMMERCIAL WHALING SHALL BE PERMITTED ON "INITIAL
MANAGEMENT STOCKS" SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AS TO MEASURES NECESSARY TO BRING
THE STOCKS TO THE MSY LEVEL AND THEN TO THE OPTIMUM

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LEVEL IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER AND WITHOUT RISK OF REDUCING THEM BELOW THIS LEVEL.

(B) COMMERCIAL WHALING SHALL BE PERMITTED ON "SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT STOCKS" SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

(C) THERE SHALL BE NO COMMERCIAL WHALING ON SPECIES OR STOCKS CLASSIFIED AS "PROTECTION STOCKS," INCLUDING THOSE SPECIES LISTED FOR FULL PROTECTION IN THE CURRENT SCHEDULE.

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3. ALSO DECIDES TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION BY

(A) REQUESTING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE CRITERIA WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN DEFINING CATEGORIES OF WHALE STOCKS WHICH SHOULD BE TREATED AS IN SECTION 1 ABOVE. THIS ADVICE TO BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO ITS INCORPORATION IN THE SCHEDULE.

(B) DIRECTING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH ANNUALLY UP-DATED ADVICE ON THESE CRITERIA AND ON THE ALLOCATION OF STOCKS TO THE CATEGORIES

(C) MAKING ALL NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE NOT LATER THAN THE 27TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.
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